

Conway Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2009

1. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag:

Chairperson Dennis Bowdoin called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

2. Minutes from the February 9, 2009 Meeting:

Minutes from the 2/9/09 meeting were read. George Pushies made a motion to accept the minutes, Cindy Dickerson, 2nd. All in favor, motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th, at 7:30 P.M.

3. Call To Public:

- Discussion was held on the need to replace Bob Burke as the Emergency/Disaster head.

4. Communications:

- Dennis Bowdoin reported on the *Michigan Township News* having a registration form for seminars around the state being put on by the Michigan Township Association (MTA) on the Introduction to Planning and Zoning. Currently there are none available within the Lansing area.
- Dennis Bowdoin also reported on an article that was in a McKenna Associates newsletter about their work on a Wind Energy Ordinance for Monitor Charter Township in Bay County.

5. Land Divisions:

- None

6. Old and New Business:

- a. After Planning Commission held discussion on changes to the Zoning Ordinance, Londa Horton made a motion recommending the Township Board accept the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance in order to hold a Public Hearing at the Planning Commission's next meeting on April 13, 2009, George Pushies, 2nd. All in favor, motion passed. (Cindy Dickerson excused herself from the vote)
- b. George Pushies made a motion for John Harless becoming the Deputy Secretary for the Planning Commission at the Township Board Meetings, Scott Buell, 2nd. All in favor, motion passed.
- c. Updates from February Board Meeting were reported on by Cindy Dickerson.
 1. Land division was approved for Carl and Joyce Ives.
 2. Glen Miller has removed his sign.
 3. All paperwork has been signed for FEMA.
- d. Planning commission went over the Conway Township Planning Commission Bylaws and the Code of Conduct and Oath of Office were signed by the new members: Scott Buell, Londa Horton and Cindy Dickerson.
- e. Held discussion on Open Meeting Act.
- f. Discussion on Townships being able to have some input along with the State on Wind Energy Resource Zoning. Londa Horton reported on Otsego Township having restrictions on colors, kilowatts, type of tower, sound output, sign requirements, maintenance, security/fencing, location on top of buildings, etc.
- g. Discussion that Cindy Dickerson needs to know if anyone will be needing funding for Education. The Planning Commission recommended that the Conway Township Board provide funds for Londa Horton to attend the next Wind Turbine meeting/seminar.

7. General Discussion:

- Mr. Yost brought up that he could not find a definition for "rural" in the Township Zoning Ordinance's list of definitions.

8. Adjournment:

- Two residents in attendance.
- Board Members present: Dennis Sommer, George Pushies, Cindy Dickerson, Dennis Bowdoin, Scott Buell, and Londa Horton. John Harless absent. Supervisor Mike Rife also present.
- A motion was made by George Pushies to adjourn, Scott Buell, 2nd. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Sommer